

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of creating invoices for goods or services supplied to a buyer from a supplier, comprising the steps:

receiving the goods or services at the buyer, the receipt of the goods or services evidenced by a receipt document; and

the buyer generating invoices based on the receipt document and providing the generated invoices to the supplier.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the receipt document reflects actual goods or services received at the buyer.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the buyer pulls the goods or services from the supplier.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein a third party logistics warehouse system is interposed between the supplier and the buyer, such that the third party logistics warehouse system receives the goods or services from the supplier and makes the goods or services available to the buyer.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the buyer pulls the goods or services from the third party logistics warehouse system.

6. The method of claim 2, further comprising checking the generated invoices and determining whether the generated invoices are approved prior to providing the generated invoices to the supplier.

7. The method of claim 2, further comprising the buyer generating reports based on the generated invoices, the reports containing logistical data.

8. The method of claim 2, further comprising a plurality of suppliers that supply the goods or services to the buyer, the plurality of suppliers being identifiable by the buyer such that a particular supplier supplying particular goods or services is identified by the buyer upon receipt of the goods or services.

9. The method of claim 2, further comprising determining whether goods are returned to the supplier, and generating a debit memo if goods have been returned to the supplier.

10. A computer readable media bearing instructions that cause a computer at a buyer to:

determine at the buyer that goods have actually been received at the buyer; and
create an invoice at the buyer based on the determination that goods have actually been received at the buyer.

11. The media of claim 10, wherein the instructions further cause the computer to generate an invoice report and forward the invoice report to a vendor.

12. The media of claim 11, wherein the determination at the buyer that goods have actually been received includes inputting a receipt traveler upon verification of goods received at the buyer.

13. The media of claim 12, wherein the instructions further cause the computer to create a purchase order for goods.

14. The media of claim 13, wherein the instructions further cause the computer to forward the invoice to an invoice approval process prior to generating an invoice report.

15. The media of claim 14, wherein the instructions further cause the computer to generate a debit memo when goods are returned to a vendor.

16. The media of claim 15, wherein the instructions further cause the computer to forward the invoice report to the vendor by electronic mail.

17. An invoicing system for goods and services, comprising:
a computer system; and
means for creating invoices from the computer system at a buyer based on goods or services actually received at the buyer.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the means for creating invoices includes means for creating the invoices based on receipt documents that document the actual receipt of the goods or services at the buyer.

19. The system of claim 18, further comprising means for providing an invoice report to a vendor based on the invoices created at the buyer.

20. The system of claim 19, further comprising means for generating a debit memo to the vendor when goods are returned to the vendor.